

HDRC Statement of Justification Siding and Storm Windows for 15580 2nd Street

I. History of Existing Dwelling

The property is located on 2nd Street in the village of Waterford. The home has had six property owners. In the late 70's, the lower porch on the south side of the house was enclosed along with the addition of a second story to this porch. In 1997, two French doors were added to the outside of this porch. The front of the house was built in 1861 and the back a few years later.

II. Reasons for Proposed Additions

The siding on the north part of the east side of the house needs to be repaired. It is planned to replace the current German siding on the original part of the east side with lap siding that matches the siding that was originally on the house. The German siding on the porch side will be kept to delineate the old and new sections. The German siding on the east side was added when the porch was enclosed in the late 70's.

Storm windows need to be added to windows without them. It is proposed to use a well made flush frame window that blend in with the house (See the Materials Section).

III. Appropriateness of Proposed Alterations

The current German siding is not original and does not match the original siding. The original 1861 siding was a simple lap siding that still exists on the front and north sides of the house. By replacing the siding on the original part of the east side, the house will be taken back to its original look. The 70's addition will be designated by keeping the German siding. It is hoped that HardiePlank can be used instead of wood as it is the same thickness of the original siding and when painted looks like wood.

The use of these new lower maintenance materials should be considered as the cost of maintaining these older homes by middle class families is become more and more costly due to the increased cost of wood and labor.

The storm windows will be purchased from the Burch Company of Baltimore. A current Waterford house is already using them. They are well made and fit into the old house design much better than the more simple storm windows found on many Waterford houses. (See the Materials Section).

The Historic District Guidelines for the Waterford Historic District emphasize scale, rhythm and proportion. The guidelines also encourage simplicity and the continuation of existing patterns. The alterations proposed by the current owners honor the historic features of the dwelling by incorporating the structural framework into the proposed design and reverting to the original siding design.